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Cuba Arms, Money Are Behind Increased Red Guerrilla Threat

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Senators probing the Soviet build-up in Cuba have gathered convincing evidence that there is a rising Communist guerrilla threat in Latin America, actively aided with money and arms from Cuba.



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Both of their reports contend that the subversive activities of the Castro regime have greatly increased in Latin America since the apparent withdrawal of Soviet medium-range missiles from Cuba.

CIA DIRECTOR McCone went the furthest in his warning. He startled the senators by reporting that these Cuban-supported guerrilla activities could develop into "a serious danger for the U. S., as well as a number of American republics, unless preventative measures are taken soon."

In his blunt testimony, McCone revealed that 1,500 saboteurs and Communist guerrillas were trained in Cuba during the past 12 months and are now at work in Latin countries carrying out the Kremlin's orders for "protracted revolutionary action."

ACCORDING TO McCone, the immediate objective of the Moscow-Havana axis is to cause wide-spread economic and political chaos throughout Latin America by terrorizing local officials, blowing up bridges, oil refineries, mines, and destroying all means of communication.

To learn the latest sabotage techniques, he reported, the local Communists are being trained and armed at two major guerrilla camps in Cuba. One is at Minas Del Frio in Oriente Province and another at La Campana in Las Villas.

The former is headed by Guatemala's ex-President Arbenz, and the latter by Spanish General Alberto Bayo, both members of the Revolutionary Command for Latin America that the Kremlin set up in Havana. This command directs all subversive and guerrilla activities from Cuba.

THE INTELLIGENCE information given Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., by a Cuban refugee group clearly demonstrates that the subversive activities of the Castro regime have increased since the October Cuban crisis.

Here is this group's country-by-country report:

"Venezuela: On Oct. 27, 1962, four electric power stations were dynamited by native Communists, who were following orders from the Castro regime. As a consequence of this sabotage one-sixth of Venezuelan oil production was temporarily knocked out. The first radio signal ordering the sabotage was transmitted Oct. 24th from Havana via a ship off the isles of Curacao on the Venezuelan coast. On January 7, 1963, Venezuelan police discovered a secret Castro - Communist arms cache, 20 miles south of Caracas, and confiscated several tons of explosives and other weapons."

"Peru: There have been serious guerrilla outbreaks in several places, notably in the ancient Inca capital off Cuzco, in Cajamarca, 250 miles north of Lima, and in Satipo, between Lima and Cuzco. An unusual feature of guerrilla activity in Peru is that the

Castro - trained agents are going in for robbing banks — in the tradition of Stalin's famous "expropriations" of Tsarist banks — to obtain funds for guerrilla operations."

"British Guiana: Youthful followers of Communist Premier Cheddi Jagan are returning from Cuba trained for an expected guerrilla struggle."

"Brazil: On December 27, 1962, Brazilian police dug up an arms cache outside of Sao Paulo. Inspector Alcides Bueno has evidence linking Castro - agents with these arms, of Czech manufacture. The arms arrived aboard a Cuban ship and were transported to the Communist Peasants' League headquarters."

"Costa Rica: Francisco J. Orlich, President of Costa Rica, has evidence linking Castro - Communist agents with the recent violence in Cartago. He forecasts increased subversive action in all Central America."

"Ecuador: There have been several Indian uprisings in various parts of Ecuador in recent months which, though stemming from honest grievances, are being exploited by the Communists. Miguel Lechon, who heads the Ecuadorian Federation of Indians, has just returned from Cuba and threatened: 'One day, more than 200,000 Indians will descend from the mountains to take over their land.'"

FLASHES — the State Department is setting up a "psychological warfare" office for Cuba. Its purpose is to find methods, short of military action, to keep Castro from spreading Communist revolution to other Latin American countries.

President Kennedy has sent word to Sen. Wayne Morse, R-Ore., that he is opposed to the publication of the Foreign Relations Committee's hearings on the ill-fated Cuban invasion. The unpublished hearings, held in 1961, left unsolved the mystery of who was responsible for calling off the second "air strike" planned against Castro's forces.